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This report contains the results from the **2009 September Ag Yield** and **Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

**Rice and Soybean Production Up from 2008
Corn, Cotton, and Sorghum Production Down from 2008**

Corn: Corn for grain production is forecast at 59.7 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month's forecast and down 10 percent from 2008. If realized, this will be the third largest corn crop in Arkansas history, behind only last year's production of 66.7 million bushels and 2007's record high production of 99.7 million bushels. Based on conditions as of September 1, yield is expected to average 153 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from both last month and last year. Producers expect to harvest 390,000 acres of corn for grain, down 9 percent from 2008.

Cotton: Harvested area is estimated at 500,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from the August 1 forecast and down 115,000 acres from 2008. All cotton production is forecast at 1.10 million 480-pound bales, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but down 196,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,056 pounds per harvested acre, up 31 pounds from the August 1 forecast and up 44 pounds from last year's yield.

Rice: Arkansas rice revised planted area is 1.49 million acres, up 55,000 acres from June 2009. Breakdowns by grain length are: long grain planted area is 1.26 million acres, medium grain planted area is 225,000 acres, and short grain planted area is 1,000 acres. The 2009 total rice production for the state is forecast at 101 million hundredweight (cwt), up 4 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 9 percent from last year's production. Based on conditions as of September 1, the all rice yield for 2009 is forecast at 6,850 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 190 pounds from last year's yield. Producers expect to harvest 1.48 million acres of rice, up 6 percent from 2008.

Sorghum: Sorghum for grain production in 2009 is forecast at 4.19 million bushels, up 3 percent from the August 1 forecast, but down 59 percent from a year ago. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 93 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the August 1 forecast and up 5 bushels per acre from last year. Area for grain harvest, at 45,000 acres, is down 61 percent, or 70,000 acres from 2008.

Soybeans: Soybean production in 2009 is forecast at 127 million bushels, unchanged from the August 1 forecast and up 3 percent from the previous year. Based on September 1 conditions, Arkansas soybean yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, unchanged from both the August 1 forecast and last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 3.35 million, up 3 percent, or 100,000 acres from 2008.

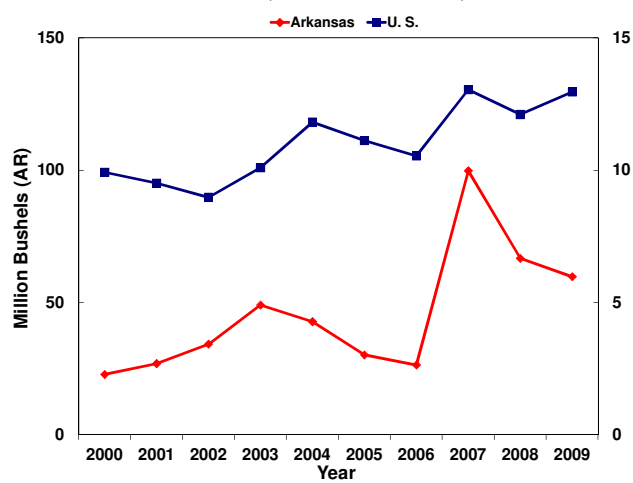
**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production,
Arkansas and U.S., 2008 and Forecasted September 1, 2009**

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	430	390	155	153	66,650	59,670
Cotton, All	¹	615	500	1,012	1,056	1,296	1,100
Rice, All	²	1,395	1,475	6,660	6,850	92,938	101,038
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	115	45	88	93	10,120	4,185
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,250	3,350	38	38	123,500	127,300
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	78,640	80,007	153.9	161.9	12,101,238	12,954,500
Cotton, All	¹	7,568.7	7,728.2	813	835	12,815.3	13,438.0
Rice, All	²	2,976	3,101	6,846	7,051	203,733	218,647
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	7,271	5,948	65.0	65.5	472,342	389,589
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	74,641	76,767	39.6	42.3	2,959,174	3,245,292

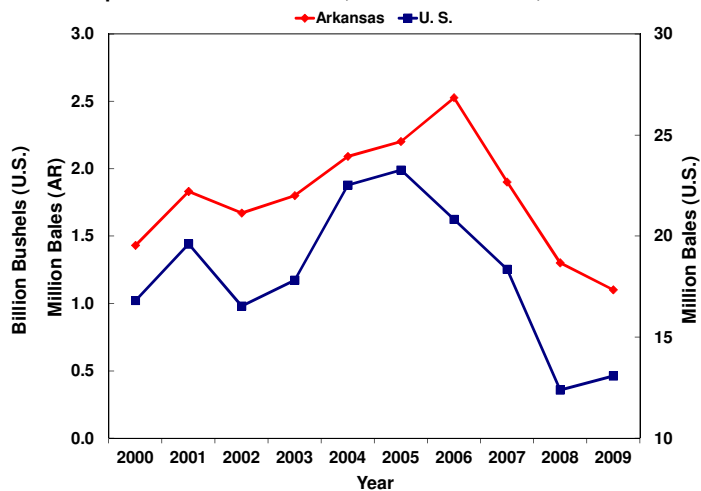
¹ Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in hundredweight (cwt).

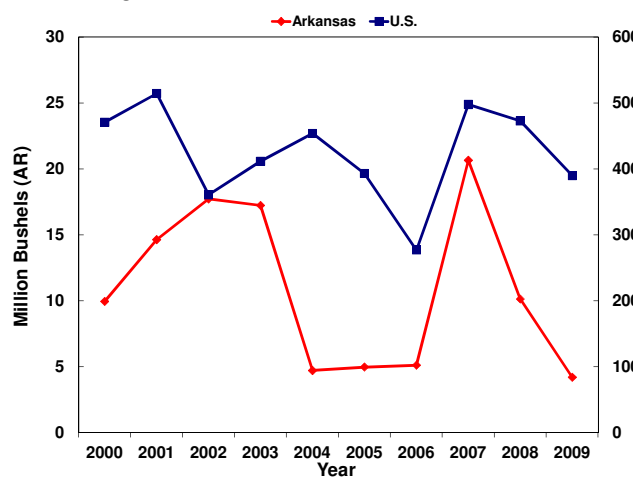
Corn Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



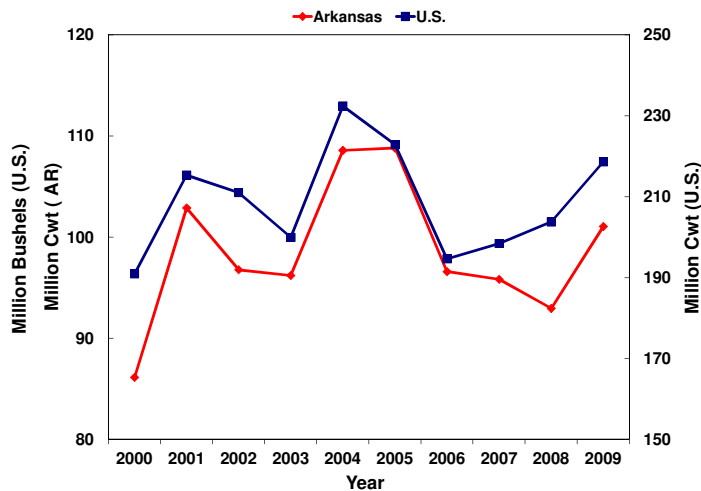
Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Sorghum Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2000-2009¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2009 as of September 1, 2009